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TURKEY'S DECISION

No More Chrome To Germany

ANKARA, April 20: Turkey is to stop chrome exports from to-morrow, it is officially announced.

German Embassy Secretary In Mid-East

ISTANBUL, April 20: Allied circles confirm to-day that the Secretary at the German Embassy in Ankara Fraulein Nella Kapp, who disappeared a few days ago left Turkey early this week for the Middle East after receiving an Allied pass.

Fraulein Kapp dark-haired and goodlooking is the 24-year-old daughter of the German Consul-General in Sofia.

Goering's Peace Feelers?

BERLIN, April 19: A Foreign Office spokesman to-day denied reports that Goering intends visiting Franco in Madrid "to sound out compromise peace possibilities', says the German News Agency.

The Agency added: "Similar reports suggesting that Goering has entrusted the State Secretary Milch with the same task are equally nonsensical".—Reuter.

MYSTERY EXPLOSIONS ON FRENCH COAST

LONDON, April 20.—Great flashes lit the English Channel from coast to coast when terrific explosions coming from the direction of Calais and Cape Grizenez rocked frontline towns shortly after midnight and again early this morning.

Similar mystery explosions which shook the coast on Saturday night did not appear to be caused by Allied air attacks.

MARAUDERS RAID NORTHERN FRANCE

Marauders of the U.S. Ninth Air Force this afternoon attacked military objectives in Northern France it was announced this evening.

Mountbatten Launches S.-E. Asia Offensive

POWERFUL ALLIED FLEET GOES INTO ACTION

CARRIER—AIRCRAFT MAKE SURPRISE RAID ON SUMATRA 'DROMES

NEW DELHI, April 19.

Bombers and fighters from aircraft-carriers which were escorted by a powerful Allied fleet of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines carried out a surprise raid on Habang and Lhonga airfield in Northern Sumatra at dawn on Wednesday morning, says an Allied War Communique issued from South-East Asia Command Headquarters today.

HEAVY LOSS INFLICTED ON JAPS

Heavy bombs were used and fighter escorts strafed ground targets.

At Habang numerous direct hits were made on the dockyards, power-station, wharf, barracks, hangars, workshops and the radio station and in the town area large fires were left burning. Heavy bombs fell on two merchant ships each of 4,000/5,000 tons. Two Japanese destroyers and an escort vessel were strafed and set on fire. Twenty-two planes, including six large transport aircraft, were destroyed on the ground. A 1,000-pound bomb fell on an oil-tank, which was left burning with smoke rising to 7,000 feet.

On the Lhonga airfields several aircraft were destroyed on the ground. The enemy appears to have been taken completely by surprise but replied to the attack with intense A.A. fire, most of it light. Three enemy torpedo-bombers, which later approached our fleet, were all shot down by fighters. One of our aircraft was forced to land in the sea but the pilot was saved by a submarine, which surfaced and carried out the rescue under fire from shore batteries.

RELIEF FOR KOHIMA

In Manipur hills our troops advancing from Dimapur have made contact with those defending the Kohima area.

North-east of the Imphal plain our troops have made further progress. Two Japanese attacks on our positions near the Bishenpore track on the night of April 18 were repulsed after hand-to-hand fighting.

Our operations are continuing in North Burma.

Chinese troops of the 22nd Division have entered Warazup, a Japanese key-point on the main road in the Mogaung Valley. Elements of this division have crossed the Wora River, Gumgahtawng, east of the Mogaung River, has been occupied by Chinese troops of the 38th Division. Elements of this Division have encircled a Japanese Division in the Mansum area inflicting heavy casualties.

In the Arakan a battalion of the First Punjab Regiment, supported by tanks, successfully attacked a Japanese position on the Kolapanzin River on April 18.

STIMSON ON IMPHAL

WASHINGTON, April 20: Mr. Henry Stimson, the U. S. Secretary of War, said to-day: "There is no mystery about the border fighting in India". British and Indian troops had distinct superiority on the Imphal plain, which is firmly held, he declared. The prime objective of the Japanese offensive had probably been Imphal. "Unless the Japanese have the power to sit down on what they have damaged, the situation will not become critical".—Reuter.

EX-PREMIER REVIEWS POSITION ON ASSAM WAR FRONT

Appeal To British Government To Reverse Policy And End Political Deadlock

GAUHATI, April 20

In an interview to the United Press Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, ex-Premier of Assam, emphasised the immediate need of working for unity and organisation for self-sufficiency and self-security for the war situation on the Assam front.

Mr. Bardoloi said: "Nothing, however, will be possible if the British do not radically reverse their present policy by releasing the leaders in prison and resolving India's political tangle."

He believed that things would have stood on a different footing today if the British Government had accepted with foresight the Congress offer two years ago for the country's defence and other vital problems that face us now in this hour of imminent danger.

Continuing he said: "The fact that the Japs have set their foot on Indian soil makes it more imperative to change their adamantine policy. Any further delay by Government would profit none."

In a statement Mr. A. K. Chanda, Deputy Leader of the Assam Congress Parliamentary Party, says: "We cannot afford to forget our homeland which means more to us than any one else. Our chief hope lies with ourselves in our clear appreciation of the significance of the present time and in our unwavering response to the claims it makes upon us all.

"For nearly two years now the Congress has been immolated behind prison bars and the people have been bereft of the help and guidance of their trusted natural leaders. Will the Government still refuse to take stock of the turn of events? Is it worthwhile to make experiment with the Congress out of prison and rehabilitated in their own accredited leadership?

"Public calamity is always found to be a mighty leveller. Let me hope and pray that none will lightly throw away this change and opportunity to have unity achieved in the common cause—the only cause in fact that matters to-day."—United Press.

FIVE SICK DESTITUTES DIE

CALCUTTA, April 20.—Five sick destitutes died in hospital yesterday. —A.P.

JINNAH CONFERS WITH PREMIER OF PUNJAB

LAHORE, April 20.

Mr. Jinnah was closeted with Showkat Hyat Khan, Minister of P.W.D. for one hour after his arrival from Delhi. The meeting was 'in camera.' Judging from currents and under-currents of the Province, shrewd neutral observes believe that Mr. Jinnah will not succeed in his mission, if it is to persuade the Punjab Ministry to give up Unionist label and adopt that of Muslim League instead.

The belief is based on the fact that all decisive factors at the present are against Mr. Jinnah. Hindu M.L.A.'s urban and rural alike have closed up their rank and have declared the intention to support the Unionists. Sikh Legislators led by Baldev Singh, Minister, are solidly behind the present Ministry. It is claimed that even the majority of Depressed Classes M.L.A.s are with the Unionists.

As for Muslims the overwhelming majority, it is stated, have given the mandate to the Premier to negotiate with Mr. Jinnah.—Orient Press

'C. R.' BACK AT MADRAS

MADRAS, April 20: Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar returned to Madras this evening from Delhi.—A. P

RUSSIANS AT GATE OF SEBASTOPOL

Soviet Planes Attack Nazis Fleeing From Crimea

LONDON, April 20: Russian troops have broken through to the gates of Sebastopol, according to a cable from Moscow. They now occupy the Makenzia heights overlooking the Black Sea port.

Axis troops "pressed against the sea" offered fierce resistance in the Sebastopol area, stated the supplement to the Soviet Communique. Several counter-attacks, supported by aircraft were launched in the afternoon in the area of the Sebastopol—Simferopol highway, but Soviet troops forced the Germans back to their original positions and took many prisoners.

TOWARDS INKERMAN PLAIN.

Supplement also says that Soviet troops have bypassed the mountains of Sahornaya Galovka, covering the way to the Inkerman plain.

It added: "The enemy is attempting to evacuate by sea and air the remnants of officers of his Crimean forces. Soviet air forces are striking blows day and night at enemy shipping in the port of Sebastopol. Ships and barges which succeed in leaving the port are being attacked on the high seas. During the night a squadron of Soviet planes sank four self-propelled barges and one cutter. Another squadron sent transport totalling 3,000 tons to the bottom.

The Black Sea Air Fleet attacked enemy transports on the route from Sebastopol to Constanza with torpedoes and bombs. Our pilots sank transport of 4,000 tons and a patrol vessel. A large transport was sent on fire. In addition two German transports of 5,000 tons each were damaged".

Ten German transport aircraft were destroyed on the ground by Soviet dive-bombers attacking Mis Hersones airfield.—Reuter.

ALLIED RAID NAZI POSITIONS

LONDON, April 20.

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters:

To-day's Allied Communique states: "Our raiding parties in the Adriatic sector and on the Fifth Army Allied bridgehead inflicted casualties on the enemy and took prisoners. On other sectors our patrols and artillery were active.

Bombers of Tactical Air Force yesterday attacked railyards at Piombino and Ancona. Fighter-bombers attacked railroads, bridges and other communication targets in the Florence area. Railroad bridges at Civitanova and San Elpidio were also attacked by fighter-bombers.

Coastal Air Force attacked rail and road transportation targets in the Metkovich area and a factory at Montenero. On the night of April 18/19 light bombers attacked motor transport in the Cassino and Civitavecchia areas and shipping and communications in the Pescara and Ancona areas. During the night of April 19/20 medium bombers attacked the ports of Leghorn, Piombino and San Stefano.

CHETNIC CORPS ROUTED

To-day's communique from Marshal Tito's headquarters said that the Pozega Chetnic Corps of some 4,000 men has been routed in Western Serbia.

In the Adriatic the Allies sank a warship near Sibenik and captured food. During an Allied attack on Sagreb 64 German aircraft were reported destroyed.—Reuter.

15-Years Jail For Br. Consul Murder

BAGHDAD, April 20.—Mohammed Ali Al-Subbah has been sentenced here to 15 years' penal servitude on conviction of the murder of the British Consul in Mosul Geac Monck-Mason on April 4, 1939.

Al-Subbah who was arrested in Mosul exactly five years after the crime was committed, was one of a mob which attacked the British Consulate.—Reuter.

KING RECEIVES NOON

LONDON, April 20: The King at Buckingham Palace to-day received in audience Sir Feroz Khan Noon.

STOP PRESS

U. S. WANTS LEND-LEASE BASES

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The House Naval Sub-Committee to-day recommended immediate steps to be taken to acquire permanent possession of the Western Hemisphere bases leased to them by the British on a 99-year basis in exchange for fifty overage United States destroyers.—Reuter.

EXPLOSION TAKES HEAVY TOLL OF CITY FIRE BRIGADE

Mayor Reveals 13 Officers And Men Were Killed, 53 Missing—Believed Dead—And 71 Injured

DEMANDS ENQUIRY AND COMPENSATION

An idea of the various problems arising from the fire and explosions of Friday last, and the range and extent of the relief work that has to be done, was given by Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay, in the course of a statement he made at a meeting of the Municipal Corporation on Thursday.

The Mayor, who was released from detention on Monday last, after nearly 20 months was greeted with cheers on arrival in the House and was garlanded by Mr. Motichand Kapadia, when he occupied the Mayoral chair.

Paying his tribute to the services rendered by the Municipal staff in general and the Fire Brigade, in particular, Mr. Master informed the House that 13 officers and men had been killed, 53 were missing and believed dead and 71 had been injured.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT.

The following are extracts from the Mayor's statement:—

"At the outset, I take this opportunity of expressing the great pleasure I feel at being once again in your midst after twenty long months. I must sincerely thank you—and I should say I can never thank you too much—for your electing me as the Mayor, particularly in my absence. I feel grateful that it has pleased Providence that I should have an opportunity to do my humble bit in rendering help to this City in this unprecedented and dire catastrophe that has befallen it. Let me assure you I shall stint nothing in discharging my duty and obligations in this behalf.

"The destruction of property and loss of life were as sudden as they are colossal. Immediately my freedom had been restored to me, I betook myself to the task of acquainting myself with the situation. Our Municipal Commissioner who has ever untiringly worked on occasions of distress, the Executive Health Officer, the Hydraulic Engineer and the Municipal services have rendered immense help. I must not forget to mention in particular the unforgettable services of our Fire Brigade and its Chief. In doing all this however, the Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Services have suffered most heavily. Thirteen officers and men of the Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Services have been killed, 53 are missing and believed to be dead, and 71 are injured.

Several other valuable lives in the service have been lost including Lt. Col. J. R. Sadler, General Manager, Docks of the Bombay Port Trust, who was a member of this House for a short period last year. My sympathies go to their relatives.

I have observed that the people have been wonderfully prompt in the matter of immediate relief.

QUESTION OF COMPENSATION.

I feel at the same time that the question of relief is not the only one that will have to be tackled. If that were the only one, as in times of ordinary distress, it could have been solved without any serious difficulty. But several other vexed problems have to be considered and solved. The most prominent of these is the question of reparation and compensation as regards lives lost and property damaged or destroyed, and loss of goods.

Already a feeling of panic has been prevalent among those unfortunate persons whose properties have been destroyed or damaged. To add to this panic, reports are current—reports which may be considered reliable—that Insurance Companies are going to contest their liability. If this be true, it can be very well imagined what must be the state of the public mind.

PLEA FOR INQUIRY.

The question of fixing the liability upon proper shoulders is one of the foremost questions. It is too early and premature to say anything further at this stage, but I cannot help feeling that a searching enquiry into the cause of the calamity and the conduct of those concerned which led to or contributed to this disaster is inevitable. While on this point I cannot help observing that I feel that the Government of India should promptly and without undue delay come out with a declaration of their intentions on the question of compensation for this loss so that public anxiety may be allayed. The public demand that the Government of India should be called upon to declare their attitude, you will all agree, is thus a proper one.

The other question is the question of prompt and full facilities to the persons dishoused to have access to their homes. Distressing rumours and complaints reach me and resentment is rising high. I am however assured by those in charge that matters are now being sought to be improved, but I must stress the necessity of prompt action on the part of those charged with the duty of affording those facilities and allay public feelings. I suggest to those concerned to publish from time to time what is being done, what facilities are there and whom the public should approach.

FOOD SUPPLY.

The question of food supply is another question on which anxiety is felt. While in Jail, I read that the Government felt no difficulty about the continuance of the rations at least in the near future. But it has to be remembered that the Monsoon is drawing near and immediate steps for importing and stocking adequate supplies of food are necessary. I have read in the Press that the arrangements have been and are being made by the Government in this direction.

These and a few other questions no less important than the immediate relief have to be solved and this great Corporation will have to help in doing that.

Friends, in all this, I seek your co-operation and I am sure I have it.

My deep sympathies go to all those who have suffered. While going round, I find what huge distress there is. I look almost with awe upon the stupendous task before us. But I trust that with your co-operation, with the co-operation of the public, authorities and of the Press (which, I must observe, has been prompt and plentiful considering their limitations), we shall succeed in completing this huge task to public satisfaction and relief.

Before I conclude, I would like to welcome Mr. D. R. Gharpure who is attending the meeting of the Corporation for the first time after his re-election and release from detention.

After the Mayor's statement Mr. Ibrahim Sarang moved and Mr. R. K. Tatnis seconded that the House be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the meeting, representatives of the press had their own happy reunion and resumed their long lost contact with Mr. Master.

A resolution expressing its sense of grief at the sad death of a large number of citizens of Bombay as a result of the explosion and fire in the city and extending its sympathy to the relatives of the victims as well as those who were injured or rendered homeless, was passed at a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party on Wednesday.

JUDGE DIES OF BURNS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 20

A message from Amreli states that the Judge of Dhari was seen enveloped in flames in his chamber at 11 a.m. and he died soon after. The cause of the tragedy is not known.

Govt. To Publish Post-War Plan

Bombay Industrialists' Talks With Viceroy's Executive Members

NEW DELHI, April 20.

The Indian industrialists' plan for economic development of India was discussed in all its aspects, particularly financial and administrative, at an informal meeting held today at the residence of Sir J.P. Srivastava between some of the authors of the plan and a few Executive Councillors together with Secretaries of Departments.

The discussion, which lasted about four hours, is understood to have been free and frank and covered details of financing the plan and such questions as whether social services should have priority over industrialisation or 'vice versa.' It is expected that an outline of the Government of India's general reconstruction plans will be published shortly.

Those present included Sir J. P. Srivastava, Sir Jeremy Raisman, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar and Sir Edward Benthall. Members of the Viceroy's Council. Six of the authors of the Bombay Plan were present namely, Sir Purshotlamdas Thakurdas, Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Sir Shri Ram, Mr. A. D. Shroff and Dr. John Mathai.—A. P.

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

WESTMINSTER April 20: The Labour Member, Mr. Sorensen asked the Secretary of State for India in the Commons today whether the Government of India would publish a report or comments on the Tata plan of economic development and to what extent the proposals in that plan were likely to be accepted by the Government or incorporated in any plan of their own for post-war reconstruction.

Mr. Amery in reply said that he thought he must leave it to the Government of India to deal in their own way and their own time with the suggestions outlined in the interesting and boldly conceived plan referred to by Mr. Sorensen. "The Government of India is all the time concerned with reconstruction questions and will no doubt take it into most careful consideration," added Mr. Amery.

Agenda For Cairo Conference

LONDON, April 20.

The 'Times' editorial says: "The Conference which meets in Cairo next week to discuss measures for controlling inflationary tendencies in Middle Eastern countries marks another important step in the movement towards International co-operation in that part of the world which has made such progress under the guidance of the Middle East Supply Council.

Over the whole area the situation has become acute.—Reuter.

"CONGRESS FLAG HOISTING IS UNLAWFUL"

KARACHI, April 20.

It is understood that the District Magistrate of Karachi has written to the Shards Mandir a Nationalist education institution informing them that the ceremonial hoisting of the Congress Flag which the Mandir occasionally performs is an unlawful proceeding.—A. P.

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Extract from His Excellency the Viceroy's speech to the joint Legislatures on 17th February 1944.

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Maratha National Party's Relief Work

The Secretary, Maratha National Party has issued the following statement:

The Relief Committee appointed by the Party is working in the City to relieve some of the distress caused by the recent fires by arranging some temporary housing accommodation at their disposal. Furthermore the Secretary of the Party has written to the adviser to the Government of Bombay to make arrangements to pay sufficient compensation to the wives, children and the dependents of those people who were killed or lost or permanently disabled.

Our Relief Committee have arranged to register the names of those people who have lost their sole supporters and will also arrange for some temporary relief till the Government will see their way to help these distressed families.

Those dependents who are without any support may register their names at the following places:

(1) Dr. J. M. Bhapker, opposite Raghuweer Cinema, DeLisle Road; (2) Dr. B. A. Dhuri, Haji Kassum Building, Currey Road; (3) Prof. M. V. Khamker, Hassum Building, DeLisle Road; (4) Mr. P. S. Savant, Dhuru Chawl, Fergusson Road; (5) Secretary, Girni Kamgar Union, Batatawalla Mansion Lalbaug; (6) Secretary, Bombay Maratha Association, Chamarbaug, Parel; (7) Secretary, Girni Kamgar Mandal, Shambhuvan, Parel; (8) Dr R. Y. Rane, Kini Road, Naigaon.

PLEA FOR COMPENSATION

Dr. M. R. Shetty, General Secretary of the Bombay Radical Democratic Party, and Maniben Kara, President of the Bombay Presidency Committee of the Indian Federation of Labour, have jointly issued the following:

It appears that a good deal of pressure is being exercised on the Government with a view to secure compensation for damage to property caused by the recent explosions in the Bombay Docks area. While this demand may be legitimate, we wish to point out that it is far more urgently necessary in the interests of justice and humanity to give compensation to those who are physically disabled as a result of the accident as well as to the dependents of those who have lost their lives. The compensation in this respect should be on an adequate scale, the minimum standard being that provided for better paid labour under the Workers' Compensation Act. We hope that the public will support this just demand and that the Government will come forward with an early declaration conceding it.

RASHTRA SEVA DAL'S WORK

Volunteers of Rastra Seva Dal belonging to Khar and Bandra Branches located about 300 refugees who had also no money to buy food. The Volunteers went about from door to door and collected about five bags of grain and some clothing which is being systematically distributed since Sunday morning. Seva Dal Volunteers are also working at a free kitchen opened at Vile Parle.

TIBBIA COLLEGE'S HELP

Tibbia College Out-Door Hospital and its Surgical Ward are attending the wounded since Friday last.

Missing Persons

Mrs. Jaishree Raijee, Mr. P. K. Sawant and Prabhakar Kunte write:—

The Bombay Students' Union and the Rashtra Sewa Dal Joint Relief Committee invite the attention of the public to the following. A list of persons who are reported to us to be missing by the destitutes is prepared alphabetically by our office at Heerabaug, C. P. Tank. We, therefore, appeal the people to take advantage of this list which may be helpful to them.

We, thankfully, note the generous response given so far by the public by sending donations in cash and kind. Although detailed accounts will be submitted later on, we acknowledge the receipt of Rs. 5,500 (five thousand five hundred) in cash and more than ten thousand pieces of cloth with a large amount of grain, soap and other amenities.

Our volunteers have been patrolling the affected area for the last four days. The citizens of those localities are requested to ask, if necessary, for more volunteer-aid in any particular area where we may have not been able to go.

G. S. B. SABHA: Under the auspices of the Sabha a meeting of some of the leading members of the Gaud Sarasvat Brahman community was held on Wednesday at the office of the Sabha at Matunga, when it was resolved to raise a fund for the relief of sufferers from last Friday's tragedy and a consultative committee of 12 persons and a committee of action consisting of Messrs. S. Pundlik Naik, K. P. Bhakta, D. B. Prabhu, G. S. Gudal, S. R. Pai and M. G. Mallya were formed to take necessary steps to help all members of the community who might have suffered during the tragedy.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

Mrs. C. F. Lynn, Member for Publicity B. P. W. C., writes:—

The Bombay Presidency Women's Council calls upon its members to cooperate with the Bombay Women's Relief Committee and render all possible aid to the victims of the tragedy. Members wishing to register their names for the relief work as well as for the blood donation may get into touch with the Hon. Secretary, B. P. W. C. Office, Town Hall, Tel. No. 31847) between 11 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. Donations in money or clothings will be received at the Council's office.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S RELIEF COMMITTEE: The Bombay Women's Relief Committee requests the public to contribute generously and help in various capacities.

Requirements for the relief work:—1. Clean and durable clothes and blankets; 2. Doctors and Nurses to help in the Medical Unit; 3. Housing accommodation; 4. Volunteers; 5 Blood Donations.

Office:—Vanita Vishram English School, Khetwadi.

BENGAL GOVT. PLAN TO CONTROL DAMODAR FLOODS.

NEW DELHI, April 19.

It is learned that the Bengal Government is considering a proposal to control the Damodar floods by erecting storage reserves in the upper catchments of the river and is expected to consult the American irrigation expert, Mr. Savage, who is already in India as an adviser to the Punjab Government. As an immediate palliative, the Bengal Government is strengthening the left bank of the river, at an estimated cost of one crore of Rupees.

Mr. T. A. WOOD DEAD

LONDON: The death has occurred at Nairobi of Mr. Thomas Alfred Wood. He came to Nairobi when Kenya's capital was a sprawling railway camp and had been actively associated with its development. He was thrice mayor. Was a pioneer of the Transvaal goldfields.

MACARTHUR AND U. S. PRESIDENCY

Becomes Rallying Point For Old Isolationists

PHILADELPHIA, April 20

Reuter's Special Correspondent cables:—

General MacArthur's colourful exchange of letters with Congressman Miller last week on the domestic American scene has provided the biggest political bombshell since Mr. Wendell Willkie's 'abdication' speech.

Whether he likes it or not, General MacArthur has become a rallying point for political forces which were in favour of isolationism before Pearl Harbour and are believed to favour it still. Leaders of this group acknowledge privately that unless Governor Thomas Dewey rejects his nomination, General MacArthur stands little chance of being nominated by the Republican Convention despite demonstration of his vote-getting capacity in the Illinois primary elections. At present, however, Mr. Dewey's lead over all other potential candidates is so great that he is in the position—usually held by President Roosevelt at Democratic Conventions—of not having to make any concessions to any group within the party.

General MacArthur, by his exchange of letters last week, is regarded as having endorsed the political views of 'MacArthur for President' supporters without withdrawing himself from the presidential race. On the other hand it is contended that use by isolationists of General MacArthur's name has already lost him much respect in Military and particularly naval circles, that the tide of Mr. Dewey's strength in Republican circles is too great to be checked and that the only result of recent developments will be a serious decline of General MacArthur's popularity with the general public. This is based on a feeling that he and officers near him are mixing in politics instead of occupying themselves exclusively with winning the war.

LEND-LEASE CONTRACTS Extension Of President's Authority

WASHINGTON, April 19

The House of Representatives today, voted by 334 to 21 to extend President Roosevelt's authority to make Lend-Lease contracts for another year after June 30th. The 21 votes against the Bill were all Republicans. The Bill as sent to the Senate contained a new Clause in Lend-Lease operation—an amendment approved at the last minute by the House Foreign Affairs Committee giving Congress power to review any presidential commitments that might involve 'international relations' in post-war period. Just before the final vote the House declined to accept an amendment which would have limited Lend-Lease to countries actively engaged in war.—Reuter.

AMERICAN CHURCHES TO INDIA'S HELP

NEW YORK, April 19

An immediate appeal is to be made to American churches for Rs. 1,62,500 to help combat disease and suffering which have followed in the wake of famine in India, according to a statement to-day by the director of the newly constituted Church Committee for Relief in Asia, Mr. Fred Atkins Moore. The Committee is an offshoot of the Church Committee for relief in China.

"American churches have sent over Rs. 3,25,000 to India during the last six months", said Mr. Moore. "As the result of further calls for church funds to alleviate India's famine conditions and because of probability of demands for help in Burma, Malaya, Siam and the Philippines as they open up, the Church Committee for China Relief has been reconstituted to care for these additional areas."—Reuter.

"KASTURBA MEMORIAL TRUST"

General Appeal For Co-operation

Seth Kamal Nayan Bajaj has issued the following appeal:—

"The meeting of prominent people and workers of the C. P. Marathi and Berar has been fixed on Sunday (23rd April) from 1 to 4 p. m. at Bajaj-wadi, Wardha with a view to forming a working committee to start the work of collections in this province for Kasturba Memorial.

Personal invitations are being sent to prominent people and workers known to the Marathi Districts of C. P. and Berar; but the time at our disposal being very short, it may be that our list is not exhaustive and some names not included in it through mistake. I have to request through this general appeal to all interested gentlemen to kindly intimate us and attend the meeting and take part in this important and timely work.

Arrangements to receive the guests have been made and previous intimation will enable us to provide them with all possible facilities.

Intimation may be sent to me at Bajaj-wadi, Wardha."

FACILITATING IMPORTS INTO IRAQ

BAGDAD, April 19: A committee, headed by the Minister of Finance, has been formed in Baghdad to facilitate imports into Iraq from the United Kingdom, India and the United States. The Committee will include representatives of the British Embassy and United States Legation and representatives of other exporting countries will be asked to attend meetings.—Reuter.

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GUJARATH

AHMEDABAD—Viramgaon, Dholka; BROACH AND PANCH MAHALS—Broach, Godhra, Dohad; KAIRA—Nadiad, Kapadwanj, Anand, Borsad, Umreth; SURAT—Bulsar, Rander.

KARNATAK

DHARWAR—Dharwar, Gadag, Ranibennur, Haveri; BIJAPUR—Bijapur, Bagalkot, Guledgud, Ilkal; BELGAUM—Belgaum, Gokak, Nipani, Athni; KARWAR—Karwar.

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CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Chaitra Vad 14, 2000.
Muslim: Rab-ul-Akher 26, 1363.
Parsi: Avan 20, 1313.
Sunrise: 7-19 a.m. Sunset: 7-56 p.m.
Hightide: 10-50, 23-05. Lowtide: 4-36, 16-50.

To-day's Engagements

RECEPTION TO KAMALADEVI: The Bombay Keraleeya Samaj will accord a public reception to Mrs. Kamaladevi, President of the All-India Women's Conference, at the Asthika Samaj Hall Matunga, on Sunday, the 23rd instant, at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.). Mrs. Kamaladevi will also inaugurate the Mahila Sangh of the Samaj on the occasion.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 10, to-morrow (Saturday), at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.), at the Kemp Corner and go round with them in the Ward.

POSTAL NOTICE: With effect from Monday, (May 1), Bombay G. P. O. (Fort Delivery Office) will issue four deliveries of unregistered articles at the following timings on week days. The hours of delivery on Sundays and Post Office Holidays remain unchanged.

On week days:—1st Delivery 9-0 a.m.; 2nd Delivery 11-0 a.m.; 3rd Delivery 1-00 p.m.; 4th Delivery 4-0 p.m. On Sundays and P. O. Holidays 12-30 p.m.

SENATE BY-ELECTION: D. C. S. Patel, is seeking re-election to the Senate of the Bombay University from the constituency of registered graduates.

HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH BOMBAY PROVINCIAL BOARD: Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, M. L. A. and Mr. R. A. Khedigikar, M. L. A. have been elected as President and Secretary of the Harijan Sevak Sangh. The office of the Sangh is in Neptune Building, 2nd Floor, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. Organisations and individuals who desire to assist the Sangh may communicate to the President or Secretary.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BOMBAY.

The following candidates have passed the Fellowship Examination of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay.

V. A. Awalegaonkar (Surgery); J. K. Mehta, M.D. (Bom.) (Medicine); V. P. Mehta (Surgery); D. S. Sethna (Surgery).

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, April 20.

Lady Colville visited the Blood Bank at the Sir Nurrotamdas Hurkisondas Hospital.

The Governor of Bombay visited the Police Hospital.

The Governor of Bombay attended a meeting of the Toc H. Groups in Bombay, at the Robert Money School.

Lady Colville inspected the St. John Ambulance Drivers at their Headquarters.

The Governor of Bombay accompanied by the Commissioner of Police visited the area affected by the recent accident.

Dil Pazir Fete

DIL PAZIR FETE which was originally due to run eleven days has run 8 days from the 6th to the 13th day of April 1944 with good profit. It was hoped to re-open it and run for three more days, but, owing to the situation in the city permission has not been granted and therefore Dil Pazir will not re-open.

Parsi High Priest's Birthday Message

Dasturji Saheb Cursetji Erachji Pavry, the eminent Parsi High Priest who this week celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday, has received numerous messages of congratulations from all over India.

"Who's Who From Burma"

Mr. B. K. Gajapathy (1/58 C. N. Krishnaswamy Road, Madras) evacuee, author and journalist from Rangoon, is at present engaged in compiling a book called "Who's Who from Burma" containing appreciative life-sketches of prominent British Burma evacuees at present resident in India.

He requests prominent Burma evacuees to send him particulars about them for publication.

INCREASE IN WHEAT PRICES

The Government of Bombay has fixed the maximum prices of gram in all Districts of the Province, except Thana, Kolaba, Kanara and Bombay Suburban Districts at Rs. 10-12-0 a Bengal maund.

The Government has also increased the maximum price of wheat in the Deccan and Karnatak districts from Rs. 11 to Rs. 12 a Bengal maund, in order to bring it into parity with the rates fixed in other producing provinces, under the Government of India's instructions. The maximum price of wheat in the Gujarat districts remains unchanged at Rs. 12 a Bengal maund.

250 P. C. Rise In Calcutta Prices

CALCUTTA, April 20.

For articles in daily use citizens of Calcutta now pay on an average over 250 per cent more than the price in 1941, according to an analysis made by the "Statesman".

Publishing the results of a comparative study of prices in April, 1941 and at present the "Statesman" says that the articles covered include the great majority of the daily necessities of life except textiles. "Of about 70 such items, only five have so far been rationed and the prices of few controlled. The availability of rationed articles is generally assured, but this is not so with other commodities prices of which are controlled.—A. P.

ANNUAL REPORT OF HABIB BANK, LTD.

OVER RUPEES SIX LAKHS PROFIT IN 1943.

The Directors of the Habib Bank Ltd., Bombay, in their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943, state that the Bank's total profits amounted to Rs. 6.19,613-6-2 for the year 1943. Deposits as on December 31, 1943, amounted to Rs. 3,07,74,000. The Directors report satisfactory progress during the year under review.

The authorised capital of the Bank has been increased from Rs. 50,00,000 to Rs. 2,00,00,000, the issued and subscribed capital from Rs. 50,00,000 to Rs. 1,00,00,000 and the paid-up capital from Rs. 25,00,000 to Rs. 50,00,000. Dividends at the rate of 6% on Ordinary and 3% on Preference Shares respectively plus a bonus of 8 as. per share on both kinds of shares were paid for the year 1943.

The Bank maintains a very high proportion of liquid assets to liabilities.

"Lost Angel" At Metro

Daily Change At Palace

BY T. V. P.

"Lost Angel" at Metro is a tender and human comedy full of laughter and just a few tears, starring Margaret O'Brien. She plays the role of a child prodigy. James Craig and Marsha Hunt are also there. A very different picture from the usual run of pictures and very likeable.

Regal is showing "No Time For Love" co-starring Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. It is a hilarious story of a tunnel digger and a lady full of laughter and witty dialogue.

"Dr. Kildare's Wedding Day" at Strand is one of the Dr. Kildare series, showing for the first time. Laraine Day, Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayres, all old acquaintances are there in a well-told story.

"Crazy House" at Eros is a musical comedy starring Olsen and Johnson and many others in feature roles. It is packed with laughs and melodious songs and dances.

"Hi Diddle Diddle" is at Excelsior. It is a romance with peppy music, smart dialogue, and gay song. Adolphe Menjou, Pola Negri and Martha Scott are in featured roles.

"The Flemish Farm" at New Empire is a true story of an air force officer who returned to enemy-occupied country to rescue the flag of his regiment.

"The Amazing Mrs. Haliday" is being revived at Aurora. 'The Arabian Nights' at Edward and 'Somewhere' in Sahara at Paradise. There is a daily change at Palace and the pictures include 'Waterloo Bridge' today, 'Mrs. Miniver' to-morrow, 'Good Earth' on Sunday, 'Tarzan's Secret Treasure' on Monday, 'Pride and Prejudice' on Tuesday, 'Swiss Miss' on Wednesday and 'Blossoms in the Dust' on Thursday.

DO NOT LOSE GRASP OF REALITY

Pothan Joseph Tells Story Of Immigration Of South Indians

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Speaking under the auspices of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj, Mr. Pothan Joseph, editor of "The Dawn", traced the history of the South Indian immigration into Bombay. He recalled that the famous artist, Raja Ravi Varma, was probably the first distinguished man from Kerala, within living memory, to come to Bombay. Among others Mr. Joseph made special mention of Dr. P. M. Mathai, Dr. Nair, Founder of Powell and Co., who had done a lot in the matter of appliances for the maimed and the wounded after the last war, Mr. K. S. Iyer, who was really the pioneer of commercial education in Bombay and Mr. K. Natarajan who had distinguished himself as a preacher of social reform, intellectual independence and integrity of character. The real tide of immigration, however, started soon after the last war when thousands of young men, returning from the war, came to Bombay.

Answering the criticism that people from the south were undercutting wages in Bombay, Mr. Joseph bore testimony to the fact that they had been maintaining a desirable standard of living. He felt there was still scope for people from the south in the learned professions, but urged them to maintain a high trade standard of wages, conduct and principles. "We have been here and we have to remain here for a pretty long time because we cannot be bottled up in the south", he added.

Mr. Joseph paid a tribute to the capacity for work of the people from Malabar and urged them to keep up their proficiency in the English language which, he thought, was going to be the inter-provincial medium of language for quite a long time to come. He urged them to develop a spirit of adjustment and realise that progress lay in the future. Science, he added, "must furnish us with the key to that future." In the practical application of the knowledge they had attained, he hoped, they would not lose their grasp of reality.

SRIVASTAVA CLARIFIES RAJAJI'S STAND

LUCKNOW, April 19.

"The general feeling is that Mr. Rajagopalachari wants a blank cheque to be given to Muslims to separate. But few, apparently, had cared to consider the conditions with which he qualifies the exercise of this right," says Mr. Gopinath Srivastava, giving his impression in his English weekly "Hindusthan", of the meeting of the United Provinces Congress leaders.

Mr. Srivastava says: "While he (Rajaji) is strongly of the opinion that the right of self-determination and the right to live apart should be recognised, he also lays down the limits of such right. They are, firstly, the right of appeal to the free vote of all people in any particular unit, so that self-determination becomes something more than a Muslim or communal demand;

Secondly, delimitation of the area with reference to the majority so as to obtain contiguous area with an absolute majority of Muslims in it;

Thirdly, the right of districts in the border line to choose by majority to join either State;

Fourthly, arrangement of simultaneous treaties for the security of commerce and other essentials;

Fifthly, self-determination with the fundamental aim of independence and freedom in the new constitution and not dependence on Britain with more Provincial Pakistans; and

Sixthly, to further the aim of setting up at the Centre a composite government for the interim period during the war.—United Press.

CIVIC ADDRESS TO DR. B. C. ROY

KARACHI, April 20: The Karachi Municipal Corporation this evening unanimously decided to present a civic address to Dr. B. C. Roy, Chairman of the Health Survey Committee, who is expected to arrive in Karachi in the first week of May.

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN PHYSICIANS

MADRAS, April 20: The inaugural meeting of the Association of Physicians of India, which was intended to be held in May in Madras under the presidency of Dr B. C. Roy of Calcutta has been postponed at his request to June. The actual date of the meeting will be announced later.—A. P.

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All-India Weather

POONA, April 20: The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 16-4-44:—

Allahabad 101 74 0, BOMBAY 88 76 0, Calcutta 97 76 0, Cawnpore 99 69 0, Cuttack 98 75 0, Darjeeling 59 48 0.5, Delhi 96 62 0, Dehra Dun 88 60 0, Jacobabad 102 70 0, Karachi 83 74 0, Lahore 95 66 0, Lucknow 101 67 0, Madras 90 76 0, Nagpur 102 76 0, Patna 99 75 0, Shillong 71 53 0.3, Simla 67 53 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Life, however short, is made still shorter by waste of time.

—Dr. Samuel Johnson

The Bombay Chronicle

NOT YET OUT OF THE WOOD

The Union Government of South Africa have acted wisely in deciding to withdraw "the application of the Pegging Act", at any rate for the present. It is reported that a deputation of Indians met the Prime Minister and the Minister of the Interior and represented that, though determined to oppose the Pegging Act, the Indians were prepared to consider "an alternative method of controlling occupation of dwellings in towns and boroughs in Natal." The Government have agreed and decided to appoint a joint Board consisting of two Europeans and two Indians under the chairmanship of a third European with legal experience "to control occupation by licensing of dwellings in certain areas". And on the appointment of the Board "the application of the Pegging Act in Durban would be withdrawn." It should be noted that the Act is not to be repealed but its application is withdrawn pending the chance given to voluntary control, which is not materially different from voluntary segregation. This is regarded by some as an acceptance by the Union Government of the principle of "no statutory segregation of Indians." We cannot be quite sure of that. The Act stands and seems to be legally enforceable if the Government feel that their Board does not carry far enough the principle of voluntary segregation, euphemistically called control. In any case Indians cannot be said to be quite out of the wood. The way the clearest terms of the Cape Town Agreement have been circumvented or violated should keep them ever on guard. Much depends on the actual working of the Board of Control with its European majority. Meanwhile, Indians get some breathing time and they should see that the personnel of the Board is satisfactory and that the Indians' part in its working does not constitute self-stultification.

We agree with those who believe that "something more positive than the mere withdrawal of a threat is necessary before the Indian position in the Union improves." That something more ought to include full citizenship rights, in particular the right to vote. It is now all but certain that the Bill which will soon be introduced in the United States Legislature will confer full rights of citizenship on Indians. Surely the position of Indians must not be worse in a British Dominion. It is most disconcerting that the regulations restricting the entry of Indians and other Asiatic non-natives are being tightened up throughout East Africa. It is amazing to learn that "the Government of India was consulted and agreed to the regulations." The Government owe an explanation to the public.

Atlantic Charter

One more nail in the coffin of the Atlantic Charter was driven from the official bench when Mr. Richard Law, Minister of State, speaking in the House of Commons for the Foreign Secretary, refused to declare definitely whether transfer of Axis territory on the ground of international security to members of the United Nations without the consent of the peoples of the Axis countries concerned would not be a definite viclation of the provisions of the Atlantic Charter. Mr. Law avoided an unequivocal reply by referring the questioner to the speeches made by the Premier and the Foreign Secretary on the subject on previous occasions. The latter spokesmen of the Government have put such vague and varying interpretations on the essential provisions of this much-boosted Charter that the world has been left wondering whether there is even a single stable principle underlying it.

First of all the non-European peoples, whether they were victims of Axis aggression or not, were told that they were excluded from the purview of the Charter. When Syria and Lebanon were being liberated from Axis control with the active help of the peoples of these very countries, the latter were told that the "predominant interests" of their previous French rulers would have to be taken into account when the question of the application of the principles of the Atlantic Charter to their countries was taken up. Such quibbling by British officialdom resulted only in strengthening the determination of the Syrians and Lebanon to achieve their freedom by their own innate strength, Atlantic Charter or not, and we have seen how they succeeded in their object. Now that the liberation, one by one of the European countries under the Nazi heels, is proceeding apace, the testing time of the Atlantic Charter has come. The spokesmen of the British Government have persistently refused to admit that the principles of the Charter would be applied also in the case of the people of Germany after their liberation from Nazi thraldom. If such is to be the case, what of the peoples of Austria Hungary, and other Balkan States, as well as of Norway, Denmark and Finland, whose rulers have become tools of the Nazis and abettors in their crimes? If the principles of the Charter are to remain congeries of free, cases, wholly in some others and not at all in a specified few cases, is the post-war world still to remain congeries of free, semi-free and wholly slave countries as heretofore? Is this the glorious vision of the New World Order for which millions have laid down their lives and the whole of mankind is longing to see materialised?

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Late Dr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar

The death of Dr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar removes from our midst one of our earliest Congressmen. He was a member of a Committee formed at the third session at Madras in 1887 to draw up a constitution for the Congress. He soon made his mark in the Congress, was often elected a member of the Indian Congress Committee, corresponding to our present day A.I.C.C. After the Surat split he stood almost aloof from the Congress, dominated, as it was by the Moderates for some years thereafter. But after the Nationalists were again admitted into the Congress in 1916 he came back to the fold, took an active part in the Bombay session of 1918 and in the Amritsar session of 1919. He presided over the epoch-making session of 1920 at Nagpur, which inaugurated the policy of non-violent non-co-operation. A few years later he virtually retired from active politics on ground of health as he was then past seventy, but he was freely consulted by all interested in framing a constitution for India. He was, indeed, a recognised authority on constitutional law. It behoves the country and the Congress in particular to erect a suitable memorial in recognition of his long and devoted service of his motherland.

No Rest

The Germans who had once prided themselves on their "blitzkrieg" tactics are now being paid in their own coin, not in double or even fourfold but hundred-fold measure—an eventuality of which their Nazi warlords in their wildest dreams must not have dreamt. Last Wednesday the Allies sent out a staggering total of 2,000 warplanes, including no less than 750 Liberators and Flying Fortresses, on their mission of spreading death and devastation among the German aircraft parks and factories, and the havoc they wrought must have been incalculable. Every objective of any military consequence, both inside Germany and in the German-occupied territories in Western, Southern and South-Eastern Europe, is being subjected to gruelling attacks from the air day in and day out. The decimination of the German air arm in particular is proceeding at a pace that is bound to leave the Luftwaffe crippled beyond all hope within the next few months. Though the "second front" in the concrete shape of a massed invasion of the Continent has been long—too long—delayed, it has to be conceded that since the beginning of this year at least the Allies have not given a day's rest to the Germans on their western front, battering their armament factories, aerodromes, railway yards and other military objectives ceaselessly.

Indians & U. S. A.

It is to be hoped that no parties in the United States Legislature would stand in the way of the speedy passage of the Bill which is proposed to be introduced therein authorising the naturalisation and admission of Indians to the States under the quota system. Nationals of the States have been free all along to enter and settle and carry on trade and business in India without any restrictions whatsoever as to their number, but no such reciprocal treatment was conceded to the nationals of this country sojourning in the States. Even the concession now sought to be made in favour of Indians does not permit of their entry and residence in unlimited numbers, but restricts the quota to a bare 75 per annum for the present. It will also enable them to apply for naturalisation in the States. No doubt, what is proposed to be done by the States Legislature is a rectification, to some extent at least, of a long-standing wrong. But a self-respecting India cannot rest satisfied with this small concession. A truly National Government would insist on reciprocal treatment of its nationals on a footing of perfect equality with the citizens of the States and the nature and extent of such treatment would be decided upon by both the parties concerned only after mutual consultations. Owing to India's present helpless condition—thanks to the British wardship—this country is obliged to accept the American concession as a matter of grace rather than of right. Only a free India will be able to ensure to its nationals residing abroad a self-respecting existence.

RELIEF WORK GOES ON APACE

Feeding And Sheltering Of Destitutes Continue

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Four more bodies of victims of last week's explosions and fires were brought to the Coroner's Court today. Two of them were found floating in the sea, while the other two were extricated from the debris of the buildings.

A week after the explosions and the fires in the city relief measures such as feeding, housing and clothing the victims are beginning to be "routinised".

Destitute persons were still filtering into one or other of the relief centres conducted by the Municipality or by private agencies.

The question of forming a central organisation of all those bodies which do not receive financial help from the Municipality is now engaging the attention of the organisers. A meeting of the workers of the centres organised by the Bombay Municipal Congress Party, the Rashtriya Seva Dal and the Bombay Students' Union will be held at Hira Baug on Friday.

The Hira Baug headquarters control eight centres. A look round the headquarters as well as some of the related centres showed the organisational work which has gone into the running of these relief camps.

Here the destitutes who arrive are first interrogated, their names and other particulars noted and their case registered. Then they are given a ticket which will ensure their admission into the camp to which they may be assigned. A peep inside the camp provides a picture of drab poverty and misery set against a background of a band of workers in colourful robes, bent on their tasks of relief. Here could be seen a row of bedraggled sufferers waiting to receive their quota of clothing, with their pink tickets folded and neatly secured behind their ears. In another room was to be seen a pile of unhusked barley, wheat and uncleaned rice. In another room were women volunteers sitting around with sieves and winnows cleaning and preparing the grain for cooking. A little further away were a batch of women volunteers of the Women's Relief Committee kneading flour and rolling it to be made into Puris, which were fried in gigantic cauldrons. In another spot was to be seen lying 50 bags of potatoes, the first free contribution of food made by the Government to this centre.

LEAGUE RELIEF

The Bombay Provincial Muslim League Relief committee is for the moment running two camps where all the necessary help is being given to the distressed. Lodging and boarding are also provided for in these camps.

Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, president of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, acting as the Secretary of the Sheriff's committee is being attended by a corps of workers. Arrangements to provide railway tickets for the evacuees helping the people to get necessary permits to take possession of their property, distribution of cloth, supplying information about the missing and stranded people are the various kinds of jobs which the committee has undertaken to do. The Relief Committee has appointed seven sub-committees including one comprising entirely of lawyers to help in getting legitimate complaints lodged.

MUNICIPAL CENTRES

The operational headquarters of the Municipal Relief Centre is a beehive of activity. Information about destitutes is being asked for to be directed to the various rest camps in Lord Harris Municipal High School, Dhobi Talao; Municipal School, Chandanwadi; Municipal school, Khetwadi; Central Municipal School, Kamatipura; Central Municipal School, Madanpura; Training School, Byculla; Central Municipal School, Parel; Khumbarwada Municipal school, Dadar; Kings Circle school, Matunga; Municipal school, Sewri; Null Bazar Municipal school; and Municipal school, Lower Mahim.

The Municipality has arranged to take over Maniben Kara's camp from to-day as an additional centre. It is also arranging to open an information centre of its own.

CAMP ADVISORY BODIES

It is proposed by the Municipal administration to set up an advisory committee for each camp. It is also proposed to appoint five officers to be in charge of Food Supply, Clothing, Sanitation, Medical Relief and Miscellaneous. There will also be an evacuation officer.

MEDICAL AID

The Indian Medical Association, Bombay branch, has taken up the responsibility of medical men and women to render medical aid at the relief centres opened by the Municipality. An appeal has been made to the members of the medical profession and post-graduates to volunteer their services. The work will involve an hour's attendance either in the morning or in the evening for a period of emergency which at present is regarded as likely to extend to a couple of months. The association will pay conveyance allowance. Volunteering doctors should ring up 40.559, and 40.458 or 60.600.

About 2,500 persons were fed twice on Wednesday at the Workers' Relief Committee, Dongri. Adequate arrangements were made for more than 300 persons to be fed in the restaurants and hotels nearby. The centre was visited by Mr. W. F. Fairbairn, Manager, Mazgaon Docks, Mr. P. S. Bourn, partner Mackinnon Mackenzie, and Mr. Kirkwood Brown. Mr. Bourn donated a number of blankets, bedsheets and towels for the workers. Mr. Nasiruddin Kalandar Bakshi sent "jilebi" to be distributed among the workers.

On Thursday the centre fed and looked after over 1,800 persons. It was visited by Lady Stone, Lady Rama Rao, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Maniben Kara and Mr. J. B. Wadia.

The Maharaja of Travancore has announced a donation of Rs. 5,000.

CUTCHI RELIEF COMMITTEE

At a meeting of prominent Cutchis held in the hall of the Grain Merchants' Association under the presidentship of Dr. Jadhavji Hansraj, it was decided to organise a committee called Cutchi Relief Committee to provide all the facilities to the Cutchi victims to go to Cutch free of charge. A Working Committee has been appointed and the secretaries were authorised to employ necessary staff and sanction necessary initial expenses. All those Cutchis who are in need of help for going to Cutch are requested to submit their names to the office of the Relief Committee at the Grain Merchants' Association, Mandvi.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF A FAMILY

In the wake of the explosion come to light every day hair-raising incidents that bring credit to the officers and their families who were on the spot at the time of the tragic occurrence.

On Friday in the same building where Mr. Nicholson lost his life, Mr. John Gonsalves, his wife and five children miraculously escaped from what appeared to be the very jaws of death.

Mr. Gonsalves was awaiting to commence his round of duties. At that moment, however, the first explosion occurred.

His wife rushed up to the first floor of the building in which they tried to telephone to a guest who was expected to arrive in the afflicted area any minute, asking the friend not to come. As she was putting the message through there was a thundering sound which brought the whole building down like a pack of cards. The woman was caught in the heap of debris, but miraculously enough she escaped unscathed. Down on the ground floor her five children though virtually enveloped in the debris were rescued without any major injuries. Some of the occupants of the top floor, however, were killed outright. But Mr. Gonsalves and his family had a happy reunion when the toll of death around left them aghast wondering at their luck. They were, of course, rendered homeless and lost all their belongings which included a philatelic collection of high value.

Pressure Of Mind

How Deputy Commissioner, Jenner of the Bombay G.I.P., his adjutant Superintendent Dere and other officers escaped being killed in the second explosion on Friday, last is an amazing tale.

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GOVT. MUST ASSURE FULL PAYMENT FOR LOSSES

Devkaran Nanjee Demands Impartial And Independent Inquiry Into Bombay Explosions

In the course of a statement issued by him Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, re: the fire calamity in the City.

Now that the fires caused by the explosions have been dying out and normal activities of trade and business are again being resumed, it is essential in the interests of all concerned that the consequences of the recent explosions should be carefully reviewed. The Citizens' Emergency Committee formed at the meeting called by the Sheriff yesterday is the first and the right step taken to bring relief to the poor, the homeless and those who have suffered by the recent calamity.

Praiseworthy as is the action of the public spirited citizens in making generous contributions for this humanitarian object, it must be recognised that it is the responsibility and the duty of the Government to carry relief in all directions in view of the circumstances under which this tragedy has befallen the city.

As has been rightly urged by the "Times of India" and the "Bombay Chronicle" there should be an impartial and independent enquiry as to the causes and circumstances which led to the recent explosions. Necessary as this enquiry is in public interest, which must be started at the earliest, it is of supreme importance that immediate steps should be taken, as demanded by the Citizens' Meeting called by the Sheriff, by the Government of India to ensure that no recurrence of such explosions takes place in the future.

It is imperative both for the Port Trust and the Government of India to allay the widespread public anxiety in this matter, particularly during war times and it is their duty, therefore, to give a categorical assurance to the general public that all necessary precautions would be taken to prevent any such explosions in the future. This is the least that these authorities can do to discharge their obligations to the public in this matter.

A number of vital problems resulting from the loss of life and property have arisen which will demand sympathetic solution. All efforts would have to be made for restoring, as early as possible, all those facilities which are necessary for carrying on normal trade and business. Godowns will have to be reconstructed and houses will have to be built. Losses suffered by people will have to be made good.

The Government should see that full and proper compensation is paid to the parties affected in this matter. Whatever may be legal technicalities and whatever may be the intricacies of law, it must be remembered that the explosions and their consequences were due to the activities of the Government and in all such cases, it is the duty of the Government to make good the loss and enable the affected areas to resume their business and other activities connected with the well-being of the city.

It is, therefore, of supreme importance that the Government of India should announce without any further delay and give an assurance to the public that they would do so. Moreover, they should give immediate facilities and priorities for making available all such materials as would be necessary not only for the reconstruction of the lost property, but also for the importation of all such articles as are urgently required for enabling people to resume the work which they were doing before. It is as imperative to enable the Government to discharge their responsibility towards the people as it is essential for ensuring the even and continuous flow of their war effort.

TRIUMPH OF WAVELL DIPLOMACY

"South African Indians Win In First Round": Official Reaction To Withdrawal Of Pegging Act

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, April 19.

Triumph of Wavell diplomacy is how the withdrawal of South African Pegging Act is described in New Delhi.

Dr. N. B. Khare was equally complimented on the stand he took over the issue.

Another reaction is that the Viceroy despite provocations and demand from all sections of Indians for retaliatory measures, preferred the path of negotiation. He has been rewarded.

It is asserted here that the firm policy of Government of India is opposed to racial discrimination in all forms and it would always strive for the removal of the slightest stigma of inferiority suffered by Indians in any part of the Empire or outside.

Official circles are happy that an agreement has been reached by the free and unfettered will of Indian settlers in South Africa. It is also asserted that India has won in the first round but she has considerable leeway to make up.

Her next demand is to win for Indians full citizenship rights including the right to vote. As indicated last week, the Government of India will also place in the forefront the question of social economic uplift of Indian settlers in South Africa and efforts are being made to induce the Union Government to undertake welfare works in consultation with Indians.

Smuts' Courageous Stand

BOMBAY, April 20

"For once General Smuts has taken a bold and courageous stand against the reactionary anti-Indian element in South Africa. Both General Smuts and Senator Clarkson must be congratulated on their firm stand to do at least something for the Indians, and it is hoped that the spirit will prevail until ultimately the Indians are recognized as South African Nationals with full citizenship rights equal to those of the Europeans."

Thus observed Mr. M. A. Jadwat, Representative of the South African Indian Congress, in a statement to the 'United Press' on the announcement of the withdrawal of the Pegging Act by the Union Government.

"LESSER EVIL"

"It must not be forgotten," Mr. Jadwat added, "that even by this arrangement, the Indian community is sacrificing its right of freedom of choice of residence, but it is the lesser evil than the Pegging Act. For the last 50 years the Indian community in South Africa has been steadily losing ground by sacrificing its elementary human rights in order to accommodate the anti-Indian element of the Whites of South Africa.

"The only redeeming feature of this new arrangement is that the proposed board will consist of equal number of representatives of the Indian community and shall be presided over by a European with some judicial experience, as without this safeguard the Board would have been a farce, as is the case with other administrative boards when dealing with questions affecting the Indians."—United Press.

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Sorensen On Continuation Of Sec. 93 Govt.'s

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, April 20.

"The statement which Mr. Amery has made was both provocative and contentious to some of us. When he says that the Congress instigated disturbances I entirely disagree", said Rev. Reginald Sorensen in a Press interview on the statement made by Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for India, in the Commons on the India debate.

"The proposals now made for the continuation of these proclamations" continued Mr. Sorensen, "are in themselves a tragic confession of failure. It is continuing the deadlock which cannot remain as it is. The only other word I would say is that the sooner we move away from the standpoint of censorious judgment on those detained in prison and internment camps in India and be realists, the better it will be for our future and the future of India.

"We may have our judgments regarding Indian leaders. We may think them wise or unwise but the worst crime they have committed is that of being, according to their lights, supreme Indian patriots. Even non-Congressmen have pleaded again and again for some little step to be taken at least to ease the atmosphere.

"We have this proposal in an almost perfunctory way that we should accept the criticism and censure of Indian leaders without giving them on the other hand a chance to answer back."

"The temperature which Mr. Amery has introduced drags this matter much below the level of world importance to which the India problem really belongs," said Mr. Pethick Lawrence in an interview referring to the Indian debate.

"I think," Mr. Lawrence added, "The best thing is to leave my proposals until another time, still disapproving entirely, as I believe a large number of people in the Commons and outside do, of the kind of frail mind which Mr. Amery brings to this grave and very important issue."

Surat, April 14.

"VINDICTIVE CENSORSHIP" IN AUSTRALIA

But Premier Denies Allegations At Press Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. John Curtin, denied at a Press Conference after arrival at San Francisco that Australian censorship was presenting an inaccurate picture of the war and said that no restrictions were placed in the way of correspondents interpreting communiques.

Asked whether the dispatches accurately reflected developments he replied 'yes.'

He refused to comment on the revolt against Australian newspaper censorship saying that the courts were deciding the matter.

CENSORSHIP DELETIONS

SYDNEY, April 20: Censorship deletions set out by the Chairman of the Australian Newspaper Proprietors' Association, Mr. Robert Henderson, in the statement, the publication of which resulted in the suppression of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide newspapers included the following:

On December 27 the censor forbade transmission of a press cable containing excerpts from the editorial of a Melbourne newspaper dealing with Mr. R. G. Casey's appointment as Governor of Bengal.

On November 25, the censor forbade the dispatch of a cable dealing with immigration generally.

During the tramway strike in Sydney on January 25 newspapers were prevented from informing the public that Prime Minister's order to men to return to work was being defied and that trams and omnibuses would not run on the following day. On March 7th in the New South Wales Parliament, the Minister of News was asked if the Central Government proposed to reopen the mines which were then on strike "in view of the difficulties Government had created for itself." The last ten words were deleted by the censor. Mr. Henderson commented: "Thus Mr Calwell would have us believe in non-political censorship."

After stating that the Censor had ordered submission of every page of the Telegraph before issue, the editorial stated: "The truth is that the order to submit had no relation to security, public morale or prosecution of the war. It was imposed vindictively."—

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MENZIES AND FADDEN

ADELAIDE, April 20: The Australian Minister of Information Mr. Arthur Calwell said here today (Thursday) that "Revelations that will place Mr. Menzies and Mr. Fadden on trial will be made to a startled public when the censorship committee returns its findings."

He was replying to a joint statement by the former Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies and the Leader of the country Party Mr. Arthur Fadden protesting against the censorship Committee continuing its investigation while Mr Calwell was on the Committee.

Mr. Calwell said: "Mr. Menzies and Mr Fadden have other reasons than the one stated by them in their insolent suggestion that I should be removed from the Committee." Mr. Calwell added that the Committee was established primarily to inquire into the work of Communications Censorship, the guiding principles of which were laid down by the administration. He said that what happened last week-end when several leading Australian newspapers were suppressed had nothing to do with the work of the Committee.

Meanwhile the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Arthur Forde said "in Canberra that he would take an early opportunity to discuss with Mr. Menzies and Mr. Fadden their proposal that Mr Calwell should withdraw from the Censorship Committee. He said the Censorship Committee would not function until the High Court had given its decision.

Following a meeting of War Council today, Mr. Fadden declined to say what had been discussed but repeated his insistence that Mr. Calwell should no longer be a member of the Committee. Another Member of the War Council Mr. P. C. Spender said that some of his own comments which had nothing to do with security had been censored. He wanted to know who had done the censoring and on what grounds.—Reuter

Towards Freedom Of Press In China

CHUNGKING, April 20.

From Reuter's special correspondent: China is investigating the possibility of revising the present strict censorship and bringing it more into line with the censorship of western countries. The Minister of Information Liang Han-Chou says that hints expressed by the recently returned Chinese Goodwill Mission to Britain regarding freedom of the Press will be a useful guide to China.—Reuter.

City Editors Meeting Postponed

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The adjourned meeting of the Editors of Bombay which was to have been held to-day at 5 p.m. has been postponed to a later date which will be announced in due course, says the Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Press Advisory Committee.—A.P.

Press Advisory Committee In Orissa

CUTTACK, April 20.

A press note states that in the Orissa Journalists Conference held on April 4 it was stated that there was no press advisory committee in Orissa and that efforts to establish such a committee had not been successful. This statement, it appears, was then made through a misunderstanding.

Actually a press advisory committee was duly constituted in February, 1944, and consists of representatives of the three leading daily papers published in Cuttack. The members were selected after informal discussions at the weekly press conference to which all members of the Press and the Press Association in Orissa were invited before the Committee was finally constituted.—A.P.

"Invasion Must Be Resisted"

LUCKNOW, April 19.

The response far exceeded the expectations of the conveners", said Mr. Sampurnananda, former Minister of the U.P. Government, who presided over the U.P. Released Congress Workers meeting in the course of a statement to the "United Press."

He added: "I should particularly emphasise the resolution which reminds the public of the instructions of the Congress in the face of foreign invasion. The invader must be resisted."—United Press.

U. P. CONGRESS ELECTION BOARD

LUCKNOW, April 19.

Mr. Sampurnananda, who presided over the U.P. released Congress workers meeting here, has announced that the following will constitute the personnel of the Provincial Election Board:

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Dr. Kailashnath Katju, Mr. Hafiz Ibrahim, Mr. Sampurnananda with Sri Sriprakash, M.L.A. (Central), as Convener.

It may be recalled that the meeting of the U.P. released Congress workers authorised Mr. Sampurnananda to nominate the personnel of the Election Board.—United Press.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Mr. Qureshi, "Associated Press of India" special correspondent in Italy writes that Indian soldiers in Italy will soon have meat issued to them twice weekly. The religious scruples of various communities have prevented the general issue of tinned mutton in this theatre and Indian troops have been supplied with meat from animals brought from the Sudan.

Transport over this long distance has been something of a problem, but this is being solved by the establishment of a special slaughter house in Sardinia where animals will be killed strictly in accordance with the the rules of all religions.

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A British aviator is giving a radio talk on "Masters of the Skies".

Britannia rules the waves—in the air, too!

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Dil Pazir tete will not be reopened. That makes us so Dil-geer!

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Deccan sugar factories are rushing substantial quantities of sugar to Bombay.

How very sweet of them!

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Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield says, "We are planning for a more active war against Japan."

One can see that they are only planning.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *Miracles have not ceased to happen—as witness the gold bars that rained from heaven during the recent explosions.*

(2) *A greater miracle—the Pegging Act may be repealed in South Africa.*

(3) *Expected miracle—the Second Front starts at last!*

(4) *Miracle not expected—Mr. Jinnah demands to be allowed to meet Gandhiji.*

(5) *Another miracle not expected —Mr. Amery resigns as a protest against the charges made by Laabourites.*

Unjust And Unwise

Quaint are the ways of the bureaucracy in India. They seldom distinguish between flatterers and true friends! For, if there is one man in Indian journalism to-day, who has denounced Fascism and Hitlerism for years together, and, who, despite political differences, has supported the war efforts of the Allies so whole-heartedly, it is Benjamin Guy Horniman. And to ban his paper—the "Bombay Sentinel", without rhyme or reason, is unjust and unwise—beyond expression.

Will H. E. be pleased to lift the ban early? It will restore people's confidence, which is so rudely shaken recently.

B. F. BHARUCHA.

Cooperative Societies v. Fair Price Shops

The Government of Bombay have now given lead to all people concerned that in the distribution of food grains and other necessaries of life by Government, Co-operative Societies should be, so far as possible, the sole distributing agency. The reasons for that preference are obvious. It is not necessary to state them and yet in very many districts subordinate Revenue Officers were still clinging to their preference for "fair price shops" and opining in favour of maintaining them on the ground that the present arrangement which has worked well need not be disturbed. They may have worked well for some but not for many. The complaints against them outside the official circles are many. One hears them so persistently made but when it comes to proving them by legal evidence, that evidence will not be coming forth. People have become funky morally, and will not like to say anything against any officer in the presence of the Defence of India Rules.

But the spirit behind these fair price shops is "making profits." The spirit behind the co-operative societies is service; and if Government are serious in their desire to eliminate middle men who pocket a heavy percentage of the value of agricultural produce, and are anxious to organise a network of co-operative societies for marketing agricultural produce, without middle men, here is an opportunity which Government should not miss. Under the stress of existing circumstances village folk will be forthcoming to start co-operative multipurpose societies for sale and purchase. Once they are formed and found to be working beneficially in the interest of the agriculturists they will automatically grow and expand as the cotton sale societies of Surat and Broach districts. But it is necessary at this stage that the Government should give a definite assurance to people that Government will use the co-operative society and no other agency for distributing food grains so long as a co-operative society is there and works honestly.

C. M. G.

U. S. SENATOR THREATENS "FILIBUSTER"

WASHINGTON, April 20: Senator Allen Ellender of Louisiana said today that he is all ready to launch a "filibuster" if the Senate considers the Anti-Poll Tax Bill, which would give the vote to a large section of the Negro population when it meets again to-morrow.

A "filibuster" consists in a member of the Senate getting the floor and holding it to go on speaking no matter what the subject.

Senator Ellender said that he had spent the last six months gathering material for his proposed "filibuster" and estimates that he has enough material prepared to keep him on his feet for well over 125 hours.—Reuter

U. S. Embassy Officer Killed In Air Crash

LONDON, April 20.

Lieut.-Col. Thomas Hitchcock, (Junior) has been killed in an air crash, states the United States Embassy in London.

Lieut.-Col. Hitchcock who was 44 years old was an air pilot in the last war at the age of 17. As a member of the Escardille Lafeite squadron of American air men he brought down several German planes was taken prisoner and escaped to Switzerland. Two years ago, he was appointed military Attache to the American Embassy in London.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA, April 17.

At the open session of the Rajasthani Literary Conference held yesterday morning under the presidentship of Thakore Ram Singhji, M.A. Director of Public Instruction, Bikaner, rupees two lakhs were promised by the audience for the spread of Rajasthani Literature.—Orient Press.

'Grand Old Man' Of Congress Dead

Vijayaraghavachariar Of Salem Who Presided Over Special Congress which Heralded The Advent Of Non-Co-operation As Basis Of National Struggle

SALEM, April 19.

Dr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar, a former President of the Indian National Congress, who was ailing for sometime past, passed away at his residence tonight. Dr. Vijayaraghavachariar was aged 94 and leaves behind a daughter, a grandson and two grand daughters.—

Dr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar, who was one of the founders of the Indian National Congress had been closely associated with that organisation from its very inception in 1885. He attended its annual session very regularly and was one of the members of a Committee formed at the third session in Madras to draw up a constitution for the Congress.

Mr. Achariar stayed aloof from the Congress for a while after the Surat session but reappeared on its platform after the Nationalists were admitted into the organisation in 1916. In 1920 he was elected to preside over the Nagpur session. He died at a ripe old age and retained his mental faculties almost to the last moment.—

(The death of Dr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar, the Grand Old Man of the Congress and indeed of India, will be received with widespread regret in the country. Born in Salem 94 years ago, he was educated in the Presidency College, Madras and soon entered public life. He was a member of the old Madras Legislative Council (1895-1901) and of the Imperial Legislative Council (1913-1916) He presided over the Provincial Conference held in Calicut in 1900. He also presided over the special provincial conference at Madras in 1918. His profound knowledge of constitutional law earned for him the special place as an authority and his expositions and comments were always received with respect. The Amritsar tragedy soon after the last great war stirred the country as nothing did previously. Dr. Vijayaraghavachariar too was agitated. It was a tribute to his patriotism and wise leadership when he was elected to preside over the special session of the Indian National Congress which was held in Nagpur in 1919 where Mahatma Gandhi emerged as the leader of new line of action in the Congress policy and approach to the issue of freedom. It was at that Congress that non-violent non-co-operation became the accepted basis of the national struggle Dr Vijayaraghavachariar had of late been ill. Though he died full of years, his loss will be mourned as a great national loss.)

SASTRI'S TRIBUTE

MADRAS, April 20: The Rt. Hon. Mr. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri in an interview touching the death of Mr. Vijayaraghavachariar said:

A great Indian has passed away in Mr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar. Known for a long time as the Salem hero he has had his own place in the front rank of our statesmen and his opinions have always commanded universal respect. To the end, his eye was watchful and no great occasion passed without his clear and powerful voice being heard.

I first came under his influence in 1894 that is fifty years ago when the citizens of Salem were conducting a fight with the Government for the right of electing their own Municipal Chairman. Mr. Vijayaraghavachariar was the leader of the people. I remember vividly the questioned authority that he wielded and the skill and courage with which he conducted, the campaign. I have reason to congratulate myself on having begun my career under his generalship.—A. P.

DR. SUBBAROYAN'S TRIBUTE

Dr. P. Subbaroyan said: "I am sure that the whole country will mourn the loss of an indefatigable fighter like Mr. C. V. Achariar in the cause of independence of the country. His failing health during the last few years stood in the way of his taking a prominent part in the fight. He is gone full of years but his spirit will live long after him and will impel us to redouble our efforts and wards the cause of Indian independence.

P. N. SAPRU'S ESTIMATE

Interview on the death of Vijayaraghavachariar Mr. P. N. Sapru said: "India has lost in Dr. Vijayaraghavachariar one of the oldest leaders of the Indian Nationalist movement. His death will be deeply regretted throughout the countrq. He was one of the pioneers of the Congress movement and at one time was regarded as one of its foremost leaders. He was a link with the past and in his death the country loses its oldest leader. —A. P.

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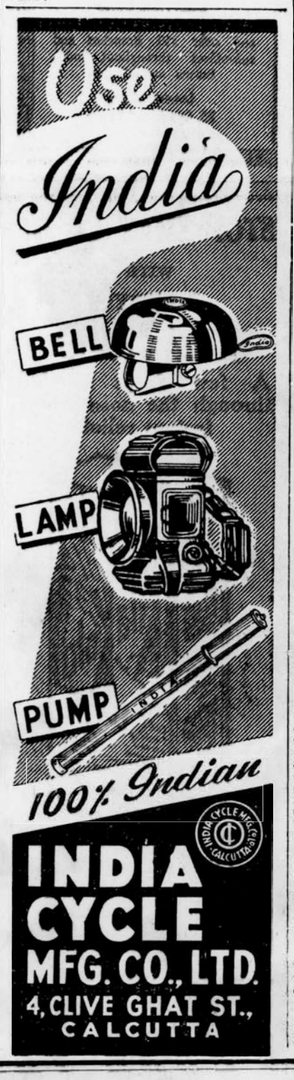

GROW MORE FOOD DRIVE

Efforts To Wipe Out Deficit In Province

The various measures taken by the Bombay Government in furtherance of the "grow more food" campaign and the general outlines of the bill, that will be introduceed shortly in connection with the same were explained by Mr. M. J. Desai, Secretary, Revenue Department at a press conference held at the Secretariat on Thursday.

Bombay, he said, was a deficit province and even with a normal harvest, and everything going according to the anticipated estimates of the grow-more food plans, the province would still require about half a million tons of foodgrains from outside.

There was very little of surplus land in the province and the Government had adopted various measures to bring in as much government waste land as possible under cultivation. The main concessions given by the Government in this direction were the free lease of land for three years and loans free of interest for the cost of cultivation. In this manner one lakh and forty thousand acres of land had been brought under cultivation.

Improved seeds, which would bring in higher yields were distributed to the extent of two lakhs and fifty thousand maunds and the estimated additional yield from this would be about 10 lakhs maunds of foodgrains.

As regards water, the Government for the current year proposed to repair the existing wells in dry and scarcity areas. 3 lakhs and 25 thousand rupees would be spent as subsidies for this, which would result in two thousand wells being added for agricultural purposes. The construction of temporary bunds, costing about 30 thousand rupees had also been undertaken.

Mr. A. D. Gorwala, Civil Supply Commissioner, who was present at the Conference stated that the loss of foodgrains caused by the recent fire was less than it was originally anticipated

ECHO OF ACCIDENT ON M. & S. M. RAILWAY

Prosecution Against Driver Withdrawn

MADRAS, April 20: The findings of the official enquiry into the accident, to a passenger train near Vellalacheruvu in Guntur District on the Bezwada-Guntakal section of the M. and S. M. Railway on the sixth of July last, released to the press to-day, state that owing to heavy rain in and around the village on the night of 5th July, the railway track was flooded at the site of the accident. The Government Inspector of Railways who held the enquiry came to the conclusion that the accident was caused solely by a slip in the bank, as a result of excessively heavy floods and that there was no negligence on the part of the railway employees.

The Government have withdrawn the prosecution against the driver of the train.

It may be recalled that 22 persons were killed and 75 injured as a result of the accident.—A. P.

DIXIT, SAMANT AND MAHASABDE RELEASED

BOMBAY, April 20.

Mr. Umashanker Dixit, Mr. M. G. Samant and Mr. G. B. Mahasabde who were under detention have now been released. They arrived in Bombay today.—A. P.

INDO-CEYLON EXPRESS DRIVER TO BE PROSECUTED

MADRAS, April 20.—It is understood that the Government have sanctioned the prosecution of the driver of the Indo-Ceylon Express which met with a disaster near Serridanur on November 14 last.—United Press.

BHULABHAI'S PROTEST

BOMBAY April 20.

Expressing sorrow at the death of Mr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar, former Congress President at Salem, Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, leader of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly says: "Until his death, he maintained unabated his interest in National progress and emancipation and made his contribution to it even from his retirement."—A. P.

SHARP DECLINE IN KARACHI COTTON PRICES

KARACHI, April 19.

The continuous sharp decline in the local cotton market for the last 12 days has created panic in the minds of the local merchants, who have lost confidence in the stability of prices and the market to-day looks more or less bottomless. In view of this unhealthy condition of the market, the Karachi Cotton Association is reported to have wired to the Government of India drawing their attention to the present deplorable condition of the market and requesting for an early buying support according to the promise made in their last announcement.

According to that the Government reserved the right of buying cotton at Bombay if conract price there was Rs. 420, and at the corresponding rate at Karachi. According to that the Government has the option to buy if contract at Karachi was about Rs. 8 per maund. But to-day the contract rate here sagged to Rs. 47-8 and spot rates were much below the minimum fixed by the Government; still there is no sign of Government support. It is high time that the Government entered the market as a buyer.

Enquiries made to-day in informed circles reveal that the Karachi Cotton Association have received a note from the Government of India for sending daily price movements and other Allied information for some time to enable the Government to study the position of the market.

SHORT SALES

Besides the poor state of the ready market, speculators are reported to be at the bottom of all the mischief which has caused such heavy depression in prices. It is pointed out that out of 20,000 bales of "short" sales in May position, more than 75 per cent are of speculative nature, while only twenty-five per cent. are bona fide "hedge" sales by the spot houses. If the latter sales are actually tendered in the May contract, the conditions will deteriorate further and encourage speculative hammering. It is suggested that if these May sales are transferred into July, which to-day is quoted at a premium of one rupee over May, covering the carrying charges like godown, interest, etc. pressure from the May contract will greatly be decreased, and this transfer will also force extensive "short" covering by speculators.—A. P.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, April 20.

SHARES: The Share Bazar was quietly steady with a moderate turnover. Operators are not inclined to increase risks pending further developments. Quotations fluctuated within a narrow range and the immediate outlook does not suggest any important change. Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 2,000 and after declining to Rs.

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ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

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1,996 advanced to Rs 2,020. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 395 and improved to Rs. 398. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1,990 and improved to Rs. 2,000. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 670 and advanced to Rs. 674. The market was steady with a restricted business. Tata Steel Dfds. stood at Rs. 2,012 and Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 675.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2 d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The Bank sold today one lakh tolas of Gold at Rs. 74-10 to Rs 74-12 while small bars were offered at Rs. 75. The market was quietly steady with a moderate turnover. Gold was quoted at Rs 74-13 and Forward Silver was done at Rs. 136-2.

In the afternoon there was improved demand which hardened quotations. Ready Silver Rs. 139-13, Forward Rs 137-1, Gold Ready and Forward Rs. 75-10.

COTTON: The local cotton market re-opened to-day at Rs. 429-8 for May delivery and improved to Rs. 430 under scattered buying. At this level there was some liquidation and price declined to Rs. 129 and steadied at Rs. 429-8. All cotton prices are knocked out in Karachi and other markets and the whole trade is now passing through difficulties. The Government is buying cotton in Broach District at fixed prices but the immediate outlook does not seem encouraging. Cotton prices reached a new low level in the local market to-day.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May Contract is below New York May 443 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

There was persistent nervous unloading which depressed prices. There was utter absence of confidence. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C May Rs. 423-8, I C C July Rs. 439, I C C September Rs. 448.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 289, Central Provinces 293, Dholeras 339, Broach 7,793, East African 1,769. Total 10,483 Bales.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 20.

Khandesh Jarilla new 260/300, Berar Jarilla new 360/360 289 F Jarilla new 550/570, N T Jarilla 510/520, 289 F Sawginned new 620/630.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, April 20.

Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 449, Sup 435, Fine 429, F Good 422, Broach Extra Spr-fine 434, Sup 429, Fine 424 F Good 419, Surti Extra Spr-fine 575, Sup 570, Fine 565, F Good 560, 4 F Pun.-American Extra Spr-fine 495, Sup 490, Fine 485, F Good 480. L S S Pun.-American Extra Spr-fine 530, Sup 525, Fine 520, F Good 515, 289 F Pun.-American Extra Spr-fine 585, Sup 580, Fine 575, F Good 570, Saw-Gd. F Extra Spr-fine 520, Sup 515, Fine 510, F Good 505, Saw-Gd. L S S Extra Spr-fine 570, Sup 565, Fine 560, F Good 555, Saw-Gd. 289 F Extra Spr-fine 635, Sup 630, Fine 625, F Good 620, M G N T Extra Spr-fine 530, Sup 525, Fine 520, F Good 515, Saw-Gd. N T Sind-Ame. Extra Spr-fine 670, Sup 565, Fine 560, F Good 555.

N. Y. COTTON

After declining on continued nervous liquidation influenced by war developments, prices rallied on mill price-fixing, covering and new buying attracted by Tuesday's reaction and further delay in crop preparations owing to unfavourable weather. The market closed very steady.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, April 19.

May 20.99+12, July 20.59+13, October 19.87+09, December 19.67+08, January 19.59+08, March 19.49+14, May nighest 21.01+14 (2-44 p.m.), lowest 20.78—09 (10-4 a.m.), Middling Spot 21.58+07.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

May 21.17+13 July 20.74+10, October 19.89+06, December 19.71+07, January 19.61+07, March 19.52+11, Middling Spot 20.70+05.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

May 20.96, July 20.54, October 19.83.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, April 20.

Cocoanuts Raw Rs. 70, Dry Rs. 75, Cocoanut Oil Rs. 290, Copra Office Rs. 160, Dilpasand Rs. 170, Madras Nottam Rs. 190, Pepper Wynaad Rs. 290, Country Rs. 285, Dry Ginger Chernad Rs. 200 Ernad Rs. 180, Coffee Robusta Rs. 99.

U. S. INVESTMENTS IN BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, April 19.

United States' investments in Britain now total Rs. 3,34,75,00,000 according to a United States Treasury Department report issued on Wednesday night.

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Dated 21st April, 1944. (4674)

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NOTICE

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MERCHANT BROS.,
Managing Agents.
Bombay, 20th April, 1944. (8551)

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FARDUNJI CAWASJI PETIT of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having any claim against or to the said property by sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Dean Lane, Fort, Bombay, within "FOURTEEN DAYS" from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Foras Freehold land or ground together with the messuages, tenements, factories and bungalows built and standing thereon situate, lying and being at DeLisle Road, Chinchpokli, in the City of Bombay and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 3032 sq. yds. or thereabouts and Registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 732, New No. 12728, New Survey No. 1-2700, Cadastral Survey No. 87 of Lower Parel Division and Registered in the Books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "G" Ward Old Nos. 2365, 2366, 2367 and 2368 (1) and New Nos. 2364 (1), 2364 (2), 2364 (3) and 2364 (4) and Old Street Nos. 203 (1), (2) and (3) and New Street Nos. 321 A, 323-323A, 325-325B, 321 B and 321 C and bounded as follows: That is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Great Indian Peninsula Railway, on or towards the West by DeLisle Road, on or towards the North by buffaloes stables and on or towards the South by the property of Jackeria Masjid Trust Building.

Bombay, Dated this 19th day of April, 1944.
CHANDRASEN & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (8544)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Empire of India Life Building, Hornby Road, Bombay, on FRIDAY, the 21st April, 1944 at 10-15 A. M. (S.T.) to receive and consider the Directors' Report and audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1943, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to sanction the payment of a bonus to the Officers and Staff.

The Transfer Books are closed from the 31st March to 21st April 1944, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. R. BHARUCHA,
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Bombay, 31st March, 1944.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. HUSEINIBHAI HEPTULLA NURUDDIN, NURUDDIN HUSEINIBHAI and TAHERBHAI HUSENIBHAI, of Bombay Bohra Muslim Inhabitants have contracted for the absolute sale to our client of the undermentioned property. All persons having or claiming any right, title, interest, whatsoever in to or upon the said property or any part thereof are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their address at No. 134, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date otherwise the claim, if any, shall be considered as waived.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Leasehold land, admeasuring about 599 square yards with the buildings standing thereon situate on Plot No. 31 of Sopari Baug Estate of the Bombay Municipality in the Sub-registration District of Bombay bounded, on the North-East by Plot No. 30 of Sopari Baug Estate on the South-East by the service passage on the South-West by Plot No. 32 of Sopari Baug Estate and on the North-West by the Sopari Baug Road and bearing Laughtons Survey No. 3|2589 and Cadastral Survey No. 164 A|74 of Parel Sewri Division and Municipal 14 F Ward No. 587 (3) Street No. 61-71 A.
19th April, 1944.
SUNKERSETT & VAIDYA,
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